

1 **What Is Claimed Is:**

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3 1. A satellite system operating over a land
4 mass comprising:

5 a first satellite generating a first
6 plurality of spot beams directed at said land mass,
7 said first set of spot beams partially covering said
8 land mass;

9 a second satellite generating a second
10 plurality of spot beams;

11 said first plurality of spot beams and said
12 second plurality of spot beams in combination provide
13 substantially ubiquitous coverage over the land mass.

1 2. A satellite system as recited in claim
2 1 wherein said first satellite and said second
3 satellite are selected from the group consisting of a
4 MEO, a GEO, and an IGSO.

1 3. A satellite system as recited in claim
2 1 wherein said spot beams are V band.

1 4. A satellite system as recited in claim
2 1 wherein said spot beams are K band.

1 5. A satellite system as recited in claim
2 1 wherein said first plurality of spot beams comprise
3 a plurality of reconfigurable spot beams.

1 6. A satellite system as recited in claim
2 1 wherein said plurality of reconfigurable spot beams

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7. A satellite system as recited in claim 1 wherein at least one of said plurality of spot beams having a plurality of beam portions.

1 8. A satellite system as recited in claim
2 1 wherein said at least one of said plurality of beam
3 portions being independently adjustable in response to
4 a condition.

1 9. A satellite system as recited in claim
2 8 wherein said condition is rain

1 10. A satellite system as recited in claim
2 8 wherein said condition is heavy traffic routed
3 through said satellite.

1 11. A portable antenna assembly for
2 communicating with a satellite comprising:

3 a connector;
4 a transmission wire coupled to said
5 connector; and
6 an antenna element coupled to said
7 transmission wire, said antenna element sending and
8 receiving signals from said satellite.

1 12. A portable antenna assembly as recited
2 in claim 11 wherein said antenna element comprises a
3 parabolic dish.

1 20. A system as recited in claim 17 wherein
2 said electronic device comprises a computer in an
3 automotive vehicle.

1 27. A switch as recited in claim 22 further
2 comprising a look up table, said look-up table
3 providing a routing instruction to said controller.

1 30. A switch as recited in claim 22 wherein
2 said bent pipe comprises a carrier frequency shifter.
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